

WRITING ASSESSMENT  
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America is said to be home of many patriotic civilians; and we are. Since the beginning, when war was starting to rise all over the world, there were always Americans who volunteered to perform services for the military. Today, with a more competitive <sup>struggle</sup> world, either in global position, economics, or in military strength, military operations have increased, meaning that more soldiers may be needed in service.

I live in a state called the Volunteer state; but, when I think about it, the whole United States should be the Volunteer States. Young Americans have volunteered, they have done their part, and they have the patriotic blood that every American should have. Volunteering for military service is a way of showing ~~your~~ ones love for ones country; however, there are other ways as well. There is no way that requiring All Americans, men and women to perform two years of military service will increase their ~~so~~ patriotic sense. Americans have different careers that they strive for and many aren't ~~an~~ interested in the military. As a requirement, military service will be dreadful. Keeping the military open to volunteering should stay the same.

America is the land of opportunity; its known throughout the world. There are people that start with nothing and end up with a Ph.D. in Medicine. Many decide to go to school longer than others, others decide to join the military; and others begin their long dream careers. Not everyone has the same dream, not everyone wants to go to school or the military. If it were required that all Americans should perform two years of military service, there would be many lives interrupted from their goals; years of schooling would be lost; and the opportunities are quickly taken away. A single mother who is taking night classes to become a nurse

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couldn't possibly have the time to serve in the military; it wouldn't be justified ~~that~~ if all of her hard work and time be postponed for military service. Not joining the military efforts doesn't make her less supportive of her country than the person that's actually going. She's following her dreams and securing her opportunities.

If we were to ask a soldier why she or he ~~was~~ volunteered to serve in the military, the answer would be simple. They volunteer for their country's future; they volunteer because they feel as though they owe their country something; they volunteer because they choose that road. America still receives plenty of soldiers every year and all of them walk in with pride; they are proud of what they've decided to do. If military service were required, everyone going in might not feel that they have a choice; then it becomes a burden. Volunteering is the way the military should be. Many boys, who have dads in the military grow up seeing their father fight for the country; they begin to ~~also~~ have a sense of wanting to fight just as their father once did. Requiring service might just make the boy feel as if it were a job; whereas, ~~when~~ when he turned 18, he would have that choice, the choice to serve his country. Requiring ~~a~~ military service changes a lot for people that have always dreamed of deciding on their own what they want to do; volunteering gives them a sense of pride.

As many Americans have already given up their lives for their country, America should already be honored. The soldiers have pride, pride in what they did and what is left to do. Keep the military open and see what pride can really bring to the U.S. military.

**Score Point: 6**

This response reflects outstanding proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer's conviction that military enlistment should remain voluntary is strongly affirmed throughout the response. Effective, thoughtful illustrations support this position. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are clearly displayed. A logical progression of ideas organizes and unifies the response. In addition, the writer sustains a strong persuasive tone.